## **ALPINE COUNTY ECONOMIC FORECAST**

Alpine County is located on the California-Nevada state border. The county has the smallest population of all counties in California, with just 1,180 residents. Alpine County has 751 wage and salary jobs. Many of the jobs are filled by residents of adjacent El Dorado County, Calaveras County and Douglas County, Nevada. The per capita income in Alpine County is \$37,070, and the average salary per worker is \$39,614.

In 2009, total wage and salary employment in Alpine County fell by 23 jobs, representing a decline of 2.9 percent. Unemployment increased to 14.7 percent in 2009.

The goods producing industries gained an estimated 6 jobs last year, bringing total jobs in that sector to 39. The public sector, which represents 33 percent of total employment in the county, lost 33 workers. Five jobs were created in the services sector, which accounts for 62 percent of total employment in the county. The services sector is dominated by Kirkwood Mountain Resort, which employs 700 people during the winter season, and approximately 150 people during the summer months. An estimated 400,000 people visit the Resort every year.

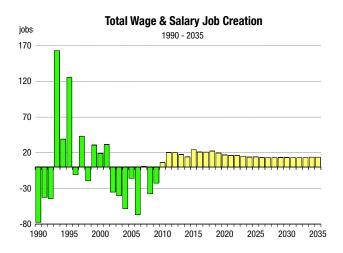
During 2009, the population in Alpine County declined 2.3 percent. There were an estimated total of 36 net out-migrants from the county last year.

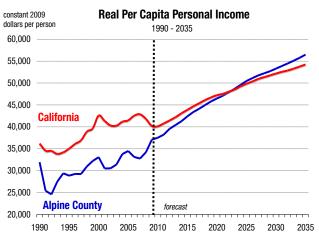
Employment levels, which vary with the length of the ski season are expected to rebound slightly in 2010. Employment growth remains strong through 2015 in percentage terms, though this equates to fewer than 30 jobs created per year.

Population growth will be near zero in 2010 as net migration remains negative. Additions to the population are expected to remain at less than 20 people per year.

### FORECAST HIGHLIGHTS

- From 2010 to 2015 job growth is expected to average 2.4 percent per year.
- Average salaries adjusted for inflation are currently well below the California state average, and will remain so over the forecast period. Inflation adjusted salaries are expected to increase an average of 1.3 percent per year from 2010 to 2015.
- Between 2010 and 2015, the principle job creation occurs in the services sector. The services sector (largely recreation services) is forecast to add 66 jobs by 2015.
- Population growth is expected to be near zero during 2010.
  Annual growth in the 2010 to 2015 period averages 1.1 percent per year.



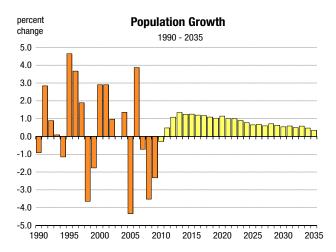


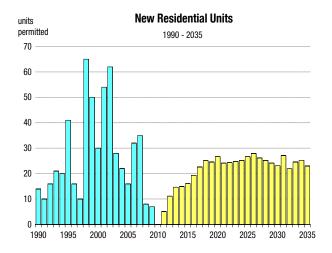
- Net migration is forecast at 12 persons leaving the county in 2010.
  Between 2010 and 2015 migration will average approximately 5 net migrants entering the county per year. Due to an aging population, net migration will account for an increasing share of population growth throughout the forecast.
- Real per capita income is forecast to rise 1.2 percent in 2010.
  During the 2010 to 2015 period the growth in real per capita income will average approximately 2.5 percent per year.
- Total taxable sales adjusted for inflation are expected to increase by an average of 5.3 percent per year between 2010 and 2015.
- From 2010 to 2015 industrial production increases by an average of 2.9 percent per year.

# Alpine County Economic Forecast 2002-2009 History, 2010-2035 Forecast

|      | Population (people) | Net<br>Migration<br>(people) | Registered<br>Vehicles<br>(thousands) | Households<br>(number) | New Homes<br>Permitted<br>(homes) | Total Taxable<br>Sales<br>(millions) |         | Real Per<br>Capita Income<br>(dollars) | Inflation Rate<br>(% change<br>in CPI) | Real Farm<br>Crop Value* | Real Industrial<br>Production<br>(millions) | Unemploy-<br>ment Rate<br>(percent) |
|------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--|--|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2002 | 1,252               | 6                            | 2.0                                   | 495                    | 62                                | \$22.5                               | \$32.9  | \$30,535                               | 1.6                                    | N/A                      | 1.9   | 8.1                                 |
| 2003 | 1,252               | 1                            | 2.0                                   | 514                    | 28                                | \$23.0                               | \$34.4  | \$31,402                               | 1.8                                    | N/A                      | 2.0   | 8.9                                 |
| 2004 | 1,269               | 14                           | 2.2                                   | 521                    | 22                                | \$22.4                               | \$38.0  | \$33,780                               | 1.2                                    | N/A                      | 1.6   | 8.5                                 |
| 2005 | 1,214               | -58                          | 2.1                                   | 528                    | 16                                | \$24.3                               | \$37.8  | \$34,494                               | 2.0                                    | N/A                      | 1.9   | 8.4                                 |
| 2006 | 1,261               | 40                           | 2.1                                   | 549                    | 32                                | \$29.5                               | \$38.9  | \$33,128                               | 3.2                                    | N/A                      | 3.0   | 6.8                                 |
| 2007 | 1,252               | -22                          | 2.0                                   | 552                    | 35                                | \$22.5                               | \$39.5  | \$32,747                               | 3.4                                    | N/A                      | 5.6   | 8.2                                 |
| 2008 | 1,208               | -51                          | 2.0                                   | 556                    | 8                                 | \$21.4                               | \$41.1  | \$34,230                               | 3.0                                    | N/A                      | 6.8   | 10.7                                |
| 2009 | 1,180               | -36                          | 1.9                                   | 569                    | 7                                 | \$20.7                               | \$43.7  | \$37,069                               | 1.2                                    | N/A                      | 5.8   | 14.7                                |
| 2010 | 1,177               | -12                          | 2.0                                   | 567                    | -4                                | \$24.8                               | \$45.1  | \$37,519                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 6.2   | 17.2                                |
| 2011 | 1,182               | -3                           | 2.0                                   | 566                    | 5                                 | \$27.6                               | \$47.3  | \$38,213                               | 2.4                                    | N/A                      | 6.3   | 14.7                                |
| 2012 | 1,195               | 5                            | 2.0                                   | 566                    | 11                                | \$29.9                               | \$50.5  | \$39,535                               | 2.1                                    | N/A                      | 6.6   | 11.5                                |
| 2013 | 1,211               | 8                            | 2.0                                   | 568                    | 15                                | \$31.9                               | \$53.5  | \$40,407                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 6.8   | 10.0                                |
| 2014 | 1,226               | 8                            | 2.0                                   | 571                    | 15                                | \$33.8                               | \$56.5  | \$41,264                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 7.0   | 8.3                                 |
| 2015 | 1,242               | 9                            | 2.0                                   | 575                    | 16                                | \$35.8                               | \$60.0  | \$42,396                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 7.2   | 7.3                                 |
| 2016 | 1,257               | 9                            | 2.0                                   | 579                    | 19                                | \$37.7                               | \$63.5  | \$43,366                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 7.4   | 6.7                                 |
| 2017 | 1,271               | 9                            | 2.0                                   | 584                    | 23                                | \$39.6                               | \$66.8  | \$44,115                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 7.6   | 6.5                                 |
| 2018 | 1,285               | 8                            | 2.0                                   | 589                    | 25                                | \$41.6                               | \$70.4  | \$44,983                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 7.8   | 6.3                                 |
| 2019 | 1,299               | 8                            | 2.0                                   | 594                    | 25                                | \$43.5                               | \$73.9  | \$45,780                               | 2.2                                    | N/A                      | 8.1   | 5.9                                 |
| 2020 | 1,313               | 10                           | 2.0                                   | 599                    | 27                                | \$45.5                               | \$77.5  | \$46,469                               | 2.1                                    | N/A                      | 8.4   | 5.9                                 |
| 2021 | 1,327               | 8                            | 2.0                                   | 604                    | 24                                | \$47.7                               | \$81.3  | \$47,084                               | 2.5                                    | N/A                      | 8.7   | 5.8                                 |
| 2022 | 1,340               | 8                            | 2.0                                   | 610                    | 24                                | \$50.0                               | \$85.6  | \$47,855                               | 2.6                                    | N/A                      | 8.9   | 5.6                                 |
| 2023 | 1,352               | 7                            | 1.9                                   | 615                    | 25                                | \$52.4                               | \$90.1  | \$48,684                               | 2.5                                    | N/A                      | 9.2   | 5.5                                 |
| 2024 | 1,362               | 7                            | 1.9                                   | 620                    | 25                                | \$54.8                               | \$94.7  | \$49,558                               | 2.4                                    | N/A                      | 9.5   | 5.3                                 |
| 2025 | 1,371               | 6                            | 1.9                                   | 624                    | 27                                | \$57.4                               | \$99.4  | \$50,466                               | 2.5                                    | N/A                      | 9.8   | 5.1                                 |
| 2026 | 1,381               | 7                            | 1.9                                   | 629                    | 28                                | \$60.0                               | \$104.0 | \$51,123                               | 2.5                                    | N/A                      | 10.1  | 5.1                                 |
| 2027 | 1,389               | 6                            | 1.9                                   | 633                    | 26                                | \$62.6                               | \$108.5 | \$51,731                               | 2.6                                    | N/A                      | 10.4  | 5.0                                 |
| 2028 | 1,399               | 8                            | 1.9                                   | 637                    | 25                                | \$65.3                               | \$113.4 | \$52,202                               | 2.8                                    | N/A                      | 10.7  | 4.9                                 |
| 2029 | 1,408               | 8                            | 1.9                                   | 642                    | 24                                | \$68.1                               | \$118.3 | \$52,702                               | 2.7                                    | N/A                      | 11.1  | 4.8                                 |
| 2030 | 1,415               | 7                            | 1.9                                   | 646                    | 23                                | \$71.0                               | \$123.5 | \$53,289                               | 2.7                                    | N/A                      | 11.5  | 4.7                                 |
| 2031 | 1,423               | 8                            | 1.9                                   | 649                    | 27                                | \$73.9                               | \$129.0 | \$53,875                               | 2.7                                    | N/A                      | 11.8  | 4.5                                 |
| 2032 | 1,431               | 7                            | 1.9                                   | 653                    | 22                                | \$77.0                               | \$134.6 | \$54,478                               | 2.7                                    | N/A                      | 12.2  | 4.6                                 |
| 2033 | 1,439               | 9                            | 1.9                                   | 657                    | 25                                | \$80.2                               | \$140.5 | \$55,085                               | 2.7                                    | N/A                      | 12.6  | 4.7                                 |
| 2034 | 1,446               | 8                            | 1.9                                   | 660                    | 25                                | \$83.6                               | \$146.7 | \$55,746                               | 2.7                                    | N/A                      | 12.9  | 4.9                                 |
| 2035 | 1,451               | 6                            | 1.9                                   | 664                    | 23                                | \$87.1                               | \$153.2 | \$56,484                               | 2.7                                    | N/A                      | 13.3  | 4.9                                 |

<sup>\*</sup>Alpine County crop values are included with El Dorado County crop values

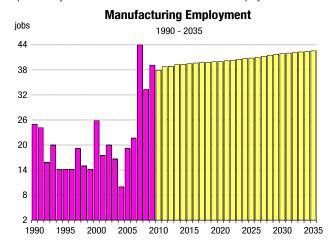


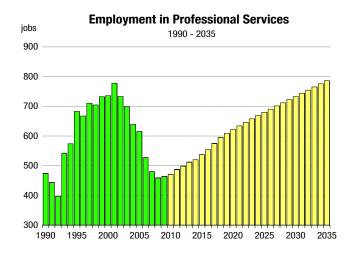


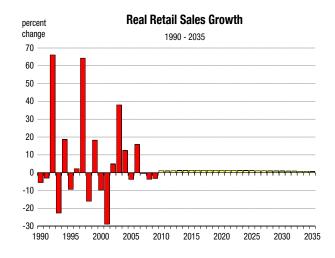
# **Alpine County Employment Forecast** 2002-2009 History, 2010-2035 Forecast

|       | Total Wage<br>& Salary | Farm* | Goods<br>Producing          | Services | Government |
|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
|       |                        |       | employment (number of jobs) |          |            |
|       |                        |       |                             | 700      |            |
| 2,002 | 991                    | N/A   | 20                          | 733      | 238        |
| 2,003 | 951                    | N/A   | 17                          | 699      | 235        |
| 2,004 | 893                    | N/A   | 10                          | 639      | 243        |
| 2,005 | 877                    | N/A   | 19                          | 616      | 242        |
| 2,006 | 810                    | N/A   | 22                          | 528      | 251        |
| 2,007 | 811                    | N/A   | 54                          | 480      | 274        |
| 2,008 | 773                    | N/A   | 33                          | 459      | 281        |
| 2,009 | 751                    | N/A   | 39                          | 464      | 248        |
| 2,010 | 757                    | N/A   | 38                          | 471      | 248        |
| 2,011 | 778                    | N/A   | 39                          | 488      | 251        |
| 2,012 | 798                    | N/A   | 39                          | 499      | 260        |
| 2,013 | 815                    | N/A   | 39                          | 512      | 264        |
| 2,014 | 830                    | N/A   | 39                          | 520      | 270        |
| 2,015 | 854                    | N/A   | 39                          | 537      | 277        |
| 2,016 | 875                    | N/A   | 40                          | 554      | 281        |
| 2,017 | 896                    | N/A   | 40                          | 575      | 281        |
| 2,018 | 919                    | N/A   | 40                          | 596      | 283        |
| 2,019 | 938                    | N/A   | 40                          | 609      | 289        |
| 2,020 | 956                    | N/A   | 40                          | 622      | 293        |
| 2,021 | 972                    | N/A   | 40                          | 634      | 297        |
| 2,022 | 988                    | N/A   | 40                          | 646      | 301        |
| 2,023 | 1,003                  | N/A   | 41                          | 658      | 304        |
| 2,024 | 1,017                  | N/A   | 41                          | 670      | 307        |
| 2,025 | 1,032                  | N/A   | 41                          | 680      | 311        |
| 2,026 | 1,045                  | N/A   | 41                          | 691      | 313        |
| 2,027 | 1,058                  | N/A   | 41                          | 701      | 315        |
| 2,028 | 1,071                  | N/A   | 42                          | 712      | 318        |
| 2,029 | 1,085                  | N/A   | 42                          | 723      | 320        |
| 2,030 | 1,098                  | N/A   | 42                          | 733      | 323        |
| 2,031 | 1,111                  | N/A   | 42                          | 744      | 325        |
| 2,032 | 1,125                  | N/A   | 42                          | 755      | 328        |
| 2,033 | 1,138                  | N/A   | 42                          | 765      | 330        |
| 2,034 | 1,152                  | N/A   | 42                          | 776      | 333        |
| 2,035 | 1,166                  | N/A   | 43                          | 787      | 336        |

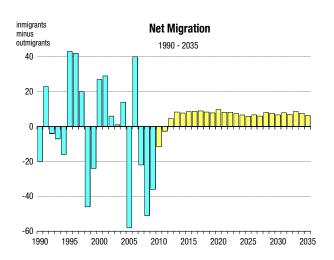
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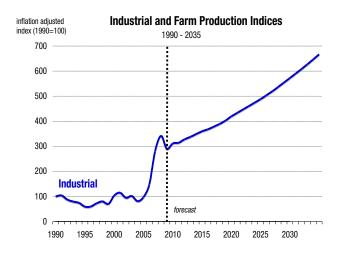












## **County Economic and Demographic Indicators**

#### **Projected Economic Growth (2010-2015)**

| Expected retail sales growth:    | 6.2 %    |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Expected job growth:             | 12.8 %   |
| Fastest growing jobs sector:     | Services |
| Expected personal income growth: | 19.3 %   |

| Expected population growth:            | 5.5 %  |
|--|--------|
| Net migration to account for:          | 40.7 % |
| Expected growth in number of vehicles: | 2.1 %  |

### Demographics (2009)

| Unemployment rate (December)              | 13.6 % |
|---|--------|
| County Rank* in California (58 counties): | 29th   |
| Working age (16-64) population:           | 68.2%  |

| Population with B.A. Degree or higher: | <u>29.8 %</u> |
|--|---------------|
| Median Home Selling Price:             | \$310,517     |
| Median Household Income:               | \$60.180      |

#### **Quality of Life**

| Violent Crime rate (2008): | <u>1,141 per 10</u> | <u> 10,000 persons</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| County Rank* in California | (58 counties):      | 57th                   |
| Average Commute Time to v  | vork (2009):        | 19.2 minutes           |

| High School drop out rate (2008): | 0.0 %  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Households at/below poverty line: | 11.7 % |

<sup>\*</sup> The county ranked 1st corresponds to the lowest rate in California